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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P199600050 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/DK97/00375	International filing date (day/month/year) 09.09.1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 09.09.1996
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C 07 K 1/04		
Applicant Holm, Arne et al		

- This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been enclosed and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.
- This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - ☒ Basis of the report
 - ☐ Priority
 - ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/DK97/00375

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 13 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.

☒ the international application as originally filed.☐ the description, pages _____, as originally filed,

pages _____, filed with the demand,

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☐ the claims. Nos. _____, as originally filed,

Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,

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☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____☐ the claims. Nos. _____☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(e)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-39	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-39	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	1-39	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The present application pertains to a process and to an agent for the production of peptides by solid-phase synthesis (SPPS). The C-terminal part of the peptide which is attached to the solid support comprises a pre-sequence of 3 to 9 amino acid residues. The amino acid residues are selected from native L-amino acids having a side chain functionality which is protected during the coupling steps and having a propensity factor $P\alpha$ higher than 0.57 and a propensity factor $P\beta$ higher than 1.10 or the corresponding D-amino acids.

By incorporating a pre-sequence, having particular conformational parameters, at the C-terminus coupling times are reduced and incomplete peptide bond formation is avoided. Thus, by practising the method according to the present application 'difficult sequences' (sequences to which incomplete couplings are more prevalent) can be produced in high yield and purity.

The International Search Report revealed one document of interest:

A) US, A, 5021550

Document A discloses a method for preventing deletion sequences in solid phase synthesis of, e.g., polypeptides by providing an intermediate polypeptide covalently bound to a solid support. The intermediate polypeptide is then covalently bound to an amino acid moiety. Intermediate polypeptides which have successfully reacted with a further amino acid moiety remain bound to the solid support while unreacted intermediate polypeptides become covalently bound or otherwise attached to the solid support in at least two locations, i.e. they become 'cyclized'.

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Supplemental Box

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Therefore, in view of document A it is not considered to be obvious to a person skilled in the art to solve the problem of incomplete peptide bond formation by using an intermediate polypeptide or pre-sequence of 3 to 9 amino acid residues and having a propensity factor $P\alpha$ higher than 0.57 and a propensity factor $P\beta$ higher than 1.10.

Thus, claims 1-39 are considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC6: C07K 1/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC6: C07K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE, DK, FI, NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPI, CA, US PATENTS FULLTEXT, MEDLINE, BIOSIS, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5021550 A (ALLEN R. ZEIGER), 4 June 1991 (04.06.91)	1-39

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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"X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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